

1. The designer was given free _____ to produce any design he wanted.
A. rein B. range C. ride D. rope
2. They were _____ over by his kindness and didn't know what to say.
A. turned B. knocked C. hooked D. bowled
3. The office was closed for a week for refurbishment and now the staff have to deal with the _____ that built up during their absence.
A. backstage B. backlash C. backlog D. backdrop
4. Even though there have been setbacks, because of their determination I'm sure they'll achieve their goals, _____.
A. suffice to say B. be that as it may C. so be it D. come what may
5. John and Sarah lived in the back of _____ and it always took us a whole day to drive there.
A. the country B. isolation C. nowhere D. beyond
6. My parents looked back with _____ on the days when all of us lived at home and which, they said, were the best years of their lives.
A. nostalgia B. reminiscence C. homesickness D. recollection
7. I don't trust him and it really goes against the _____ to give him the money.
A. cloak B. grain C. rice D. grapevine
8. It's time we had a _____ talk with each other in an effort to clear the air.
A. heart to heart B. eye to eye C. face to face D. cheek to cheek
9. As she didn't understand the teacher's question, she merely gave him a _____ look.
A. clear B. dim C. blank D. hopeless
10. Sister Morrison might take _____ with me on that matter.
A. words B. discussion C. issue D. matter
11. I don't think that revealing your past to your boyfriend scared him _____.
A. back B. down C. off D. through
12. There were probably moments when you wondered if anyone spoke the truth or was _____.
A. split for choice B. below par C. off the beg D. on the level
13. Substantial members of the _____ members ignored the union advice.
A. all and sundry B. flesh and blood C. head and shoulders D. rank and file
14. Many victims of the earthquake pay _____ to the ones who took them out of rubble.
A. respects B. homage C. tributes D. deference

15. The movie takes considerable liberties _____ the novel that it is based on.
A. to B. out of C. at D. with
16. Don't believe Samuel. He just _____ an act that he is the most miserable person in the world.
A. puts on B. puts into C. settles up D. settles in
17. Diagnosed with tumor in the brain, she refused to meet her _____ but turned to religion for help.
A. paleontologist B. oncologist C. entomologist D. seismologist
18. Their father was a hero in World War II, whose account has awakened _____ memories of the old days.
A. down-in-the-dumps B. disconsolate C. poignant D. grief-stricken
19. I don't like intellectual novels, serious music or films; my tastes are quite _____.
A. flat-topped B. lowbrow C. shamefaced D. slow-witted
20. The sixth time he called me at night was the _____.
A. lost cause B. last straw C. touch and go D. hot air
21. There's no doubt about the outcome of the trial. The man is a _____ criminal.
A. self-conscious B. self-contained C. self-confessed D. self-centered
22. Rebecca _____ on our conversation to tell us that James had just been rushed to hospital.
A. cut in B. faced up C. got ahead D. broke up
23. _____ her job, her sons and the housework, she doesn't have a minute for herself.
A. What with B. If it weren't for C. Barring D. Given
24. It's _____ that he never mentioned our argument; I wonder why he didn't.
A. special B. rare C. curious D. eccentric
25. He praised his wife for her dignity under the _____ of the tabloid press.
A. onslaught B. assault C. onset D. offensive
26. Brain cancer requires _____ treatment such as surgery.
A. aggressive B. confrontational C. malignant D. rigorous
27. The government has been forced into a _____ after the revelation of a cover-up.
A. climbdown B. getaway C. outbreak D. breakout
28. I don't know if Ash would be right for the job; he's a bit of an unknown _____.
A. quality B. qualification C. quantity D. identity
29. Searching for one man in this city is like looking for a _____.

- A. salt of the earth
B. sand in the desert
C. needle in a haystack
D. drop in the ocean
30. The Conservatives declared their intention of _____ the whole Act once they came into power.
A. repulsing
B. repelling
C. impelling
D. repealing
31. The growth of psychobiology owes _____ to major conceptual advances in the way people think about the brain.
A. much
B. as much as
C. much which
D. there is so much
32. The class went to see the performance of Macbeth because it _____ in well with the project they were doing on Scottish history.
A. crammed
B. stood
C. tied
D. booked
33. I have tried every product on the market and still I can't rid these curtains of the _____ of cigarette smoke.
A. fumes
B. fragrance
C. stench
D. aroma
34. Her condition seems to be _____. We'll have to take her to intensive care.
A. ameliorating
B. deteriorating
C. amputating
D. imitating
35. Not only is little Jonny's grammar incoherent and his spelling atrocious but also his pronunciation _____.
A. slothful
B. sluggish
C. hazard
D. haphazard
36. I need to _____ your offer very carefully before I make a decision.
A. look over
B. see out
C. figure out
D. mull over
37. There's nothing to _____ as it's a general knowledge quiz.
A. come round to
B. face up to
C. swot up on
D. come up with
38. The account of their journey has been _____ together from personal letters and diaries.
A. pieced
B. set
C. pulled
D. got
39. The noise from the unruly fans celebrating their team's victory didn't _____ until early in the morning.
A. shut off
B. give away
C. let up
D. fall over
40. Following years of intense training, the accomplished athlete _____ the medal triumphantly.
A. took off
B. went off
C. ran off
D. carried off
41. We'd been working hard for a month and so decided to go out and _____.
A. paint the town red
B. face the music
C. steal the show
D. read between the lines
42. The country is an economic _____ with chronic unemployment and rampant crime.

A. lost cause B. basket case C. false dawn D. dark horse

43. You've got to _____ to succeed in advertising.

A. go to your head B. have your wits about you
C. have your head in the clouds D. gather your wits

44. The Prime Minister will decide whether to release the prisoner or not; that's his _____.

A. prerogative B. derogatory C. abdication D. humanity

45. The Secretary of State handled the matter _____ and prevented a war.

A. adroitly B. intensely C. abjectly D. slightly

46. The robbery was carried out in _____ daylight and with hundreds of witnesses present.

A. open B. wide C. broad D. clear

47. Most of the examination is written but there is also a(n) _____ part which I am really worried about.

A. vocal B. verbal C. oral D. wordy

48. _____ with anger, Mr. Jensson stormed into the local tax office and demanded to see someone about his case which had dragged on for nearly three years.

A. Brimming B. Pouring C. Stewing D. Seething

49. When I say I want you to be here at six o'clock, I mean six o'clock _____. You cannot be late under any circumstances!

A. on the edge B. at the moment C. on the dot D. in detail

50. The opposition protests against the government now threaten to get out of _____ and the security forces are likely to make arrests around the country today.

A. reach B. kilter C. hand D. the ordinary

51. Fingerprints are the most _____ types of evidence used in criminal cases because it's one of the most reliable forms of identification

A. culpable B. incriminating C. liable D. offending

52. The inconsiderate driver was _____ for parking his vehicle in the wrong place.

A. inflicted B. harassed C. condemned D. confined

53. Another, perhaps inspired by the nursery rhyme, is that a(n) _____ for sweet things during pregnancy makes you more likely to be having a girl, while a boy will make you crave savory, salty foods, meat and cheese in particular.

A. inspiration B. affinity C. predilection D. propensity

54. Most of the old road has been _____ by the great interstate highways.

- A. overdone B. superseded C. excelled D. overwhelmed
55. She got very _____ working such long hours
- A. tumble-down B. downcast C. run-down D. down-and-out
56. Just because we've had a good year, this does not mean that we cannot do better: we must not _____.
- A. have our head in the clouds B. bury our heads in the sand
- C. count our blessings D. rest on our laurels
57. As soon as the problem at work blew up, he instantly thought about how he could come out of it looking good. He is such a _____ person.
- A. self-evident B. self-conscious C. self-centered D. selfless
58. We carried on down the path, _____ of the notice warning of avalanche risk.
- A. careless B. carefree C. heedless D. blind
59. The judge declared a _____ today due to unfair media coverage and the trial will be restarted again early next year.
- A. postponement B. annulment C. cancellation D. mistrial
60. His performance was so spectacular that he was _____ out for praise by the team manager at the end of the game.
- A. singled B. filtered C. distinguished D. selected
61. He's just getting up my _____ so much at the moment.
- A. feet B. chest C. nose D. mind
62. Something's wrong with this room, but I can't quite _____ what it is.
- A. put my finger on B. know off-hand C. lay eyes on D. give my right arm to
63. Group E is now wide open with all four teams _____ a chance of qualifying for the knock-out phase going into the final group matches.
- A. in with B. up for C. in for D. up with
64. There's so much good theatre and cinema in London, really one is _____ for choice.
- A. overcome B. ruined C. spoilt D. overwhelmed
65. The structure parameters of these chucks are _____ those of K11 3-jaw self-centering chucks.
- A. much the same as B. nearly as C. nothing like as D. nowhere near as
66. There are ten prisoners on the _____.
- A. loose B. run C. track D. go

67. Sometimes, we don't appreciate the _____ pleasures of life such as a beautiful sky, a cup of coffee with a friend or seeing a good film at the cinema.
- A. sheer B. simple C. normal D. plain
68. They dismissed him as "disrespectful, very arrogant and _____ rude".
- A. totally B. downright C. outright D. heavily
69. The statement from the ministers' contrasts _____ with comments by European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncke
- A. sharply B. heavily C. utterly D. flatly
70. I know how to use computers, but I don't really understand the _____ of how they work.
- A. ins and outs B. odds and ends C. dribs and drabs D. waifs and strays
71. The doctor says that it's _____ whether Mary will be okay.
- A. prim and proper B. spick and span C. touch and go D. up and coming
72. Our staff take pride in providing _____ service.
- A. mundane B. atrocious C. impeccable D. lousy
73. It was a _____ move to buy your house just before property prices started to rise.
- A. astute B. crafty C. shrewd D. wily
74. They adopted a sensible, _____ policy on defense spending.
- A. state-of-the-art B. trick-of-the-trade C. run-of-the-mill D. middle-of-the-road
75. He'd be _____ if he found out what you're doing
- A. annoyed B. irritated C. livid D. cross
76. A lot of older people are _____ because they've been complaining all their lives.
- A. irate B. crotchety C. indignant D. infuriated
77. She had a _____ row with Eddie and stormed out of the house.
- A. blazing B. heated C. firing D. smoldering
78. Intimate relationships were limited to a stack of old nudie magazines with _____ pages, which he kept on the floor beneath his cot.
- A. head-on B. nail-biting C. narrow-minded D. well-thumbed
79. He awoke with a _____ heart, sweating with fear
- A. plucking B. flexing C. gritting D. pounding
80. We reached _____ in the meeting and failed to come to a solution
- A. standstill B. gridlock C. standoff D. stalemate

81. He was _____ aware of his lack of experience
A. widely B. painfully C. deeply D. heavily
82. As an average retail investor, I consider myself _____ capable of understanding the operation of crossing networks.
A. perfectly B. bitterly C. widely D. highly
83. The littlest thing tends to anger my mother, so I feel like I have to walk on _____ whenever I'm at her house.
A. eggshells B. nutshells C. bombshells D. seashells
84. Students can be expelled at the _____ of the principal
A. disposition B. dispersal C. discretion D. disposal
85. He became emotionally _____ from his friends and family after the illness.
A. distant B. faint C. secluded D. far-away
86. The sound of his footsteps gradually _____ away.
A. died B. passed C. vanished D. dwindled
87. He is disliked because of his sly and _____ ways of getting what he wants.
A. calculating B. callous C. inquisitive D. meticulous
88. She dismissed him with a _____ nod of the head.
A. blunt B. curt C. reckless D. ruthless
89. His performance is described in the paper as "a _____ display of physical agility".
A. breathtaking B. gripping C. harrowing D. piercing
90. The police are sometimes more _____ with female offenders.
A. lax B. lenient C. easygoing D. withdrawn
91. Don't be taken in by his lying, _____ words.
A. slack B. scrupulous C. treacherous D. feeble
92. With the amount of traffic nowadays, even a trip across town is _____ with dangers.
A. beset B. surrounded C. assaulted D. devoid
93. He was forced to _____ control of the company.
A. discard B. relinquish C. quit D. surrender
94. Getting up at 8 o'clock was early by her _____.
A. reasons B. standards C. limits D. levels
95. The passion of Argentinian football fans _____ no bounds.

A. recognizes B. holds C. sees D. knows

96. My library books are a week _____.

A. undue B. overdue C. unpunctual D. belated

97. Every shelf is _____ with ornaments.

A. muddled B. bundled C. cluttered D. burdened

98. There was a danger of the country reverting to its _____ sin of complacency.

A. redeeming B. overriding C. besetting D. overwhelming

99. Police are investigating a(n) _____ of burglaries in the Kingsland Road area.

A. rate B. influx C. tide D. spate

100. He kept telling us about his operation, in the most _____ detail.

A. elaborate B. knotty C. graphic D. burning

